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Response and Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated 29 December 2005, Applicants respond by electing the invention of Group V (claims 25-28, 49) drawn to a method of treating a mammal having or at risk of developing a cardiovascular disease by administering a compound that modulates ABCA1 in vitro lipid transport across a membrane, including linking claims 24 and 41-45, with traverse. For the species of claim 49, Applicants elect coronary artery disease. In addition, prior to examination, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows: